(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The activities of the national rehabilitation training institutes are proposed to be expanded.

National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun is to take up computerised braille presses and distribution of 10,000 interpainting braille slates. Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Bombay is to start a new training centre at Indore. Two teachers' training centres, four centres for services in urban slums, five centres for extension services, six demonstration projects for prevention and early intervention programme and a multiple handicap unit on a pilot basis would be taken up by National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad. Establishment of a Sports complex for development of recreation facilities for the disabled would be started by National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped, Calcutta. The Institute for the Physically Handicapped, Delhi is starting two new short-term orientation courses and a workshop on Iso-kinetic exercises.

Apart from the above particular activities, all the national rehabilitation and training institutes, would be taking up new areas of research and will be expanding outreach and extension activities for creation of awareness.

Setting up of District Rehabilitation Institutions for the Handicapped

2426. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up two hundred extension centres and district Rehabilitation Institutions with vocational training facilities to draw out the best talents among the handicapped; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. 11 District Rehabilitation Centres have been set up to provide comprehensive and co-ordinated rehabilitation services to the disabled in rural areas. The scheme is being revised to provide a comprehensive package of rehabilitation services to the rural disabled and converted to a National Programme for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled. The objectives of the scheme are :

(i) To offer rehabilitation services viz. restorative therapy, early detection and timely intervention, parent counselling and provision of aids and appliances at the village PHC, CHC and District levels, to disabled persons; and

(ii) Provide assessment, guidance and referral facilities for vocational education and placement services;

(iii) Undertake the work of awareness creation and information dissamination to tackle various aspects of disability including prevention and rehabilitation;

(iv) Rehabilitate every disabled person as far as possible in his own environment; and

(v) Mobilise community support and coordinate all existing services and schemes for prevention of disability and rehabilitation of disabled persons.

अल्पसंख्यक वर्गों के व्यक्तियों में शिक्षा का प्रसार

2427. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल** : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान सरकार ने अल्पसंख्यक वर्गों के व्यक्तियों में शिक्षा के प्रसार, उनके आर्थिक उत्थान और सरकारी नौकरियों में उनकी प्रतिशतता के बारे में कोई मूल्यांकन किया है और यदि हां, तो उसका वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) सरकार उनकी उन्नति के लिए भविष्य में क्या-क्या कदम उठाने पर विचार कर रही है ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सिताराम केसरी) : (क) इस संबंध में कोई विशिष्ट अध्ययन नहीं किया गया है । तथापि, शैक्षिक रूप से पिछड़े अल्पसंख्यकों के शैक्षिक विकास की आवश्यकता को ध्यान में रखते हुए, राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति के अन्तर्गत कार्रवाई कार्यक्रम का पुनर्निर्माण किया गया है ताकि अल्पसंख्यकों के शैक्षिक विकास के लिए किए जाने वाले उपायों की रूप रेखा बनाई जा सके ।

(ख) सरकार, अल्पसंख्यकों के कल्याण के लिए 15-सूत्री कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वित कर रही है जिसमें अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ यह सुनिश्चित करने का प्रयत्न किया गया है कि विभिन्न विकास कार्यक्रमों के लाभ अल्पसंख्यकों को उचित तथा समुचित ढंग से प्रवाहित हों ।